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application in French, Applicants have found several informalities resulting from the translation and clerical errors in the prosecution of the present application.

These changes were not presented earlier as they have only recently been discovered. It is believed that the changes are of a formal nature and merely amend the present disclosure so that it corresponds to the International application. As the changes are of a formal nature, it is believed that no new search or additional consideration is required. Thus, Applicants request that the changes to the claims and specification be entered.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, with claims 1-9, 10-14 and 27-30, as presented. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis are accordingly respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Page 5, the paragraph beginning on line 1 has been replaced as follows:

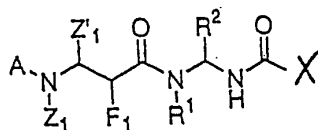
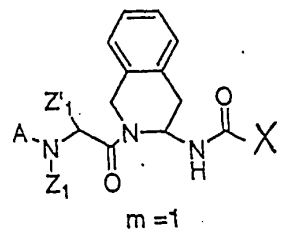
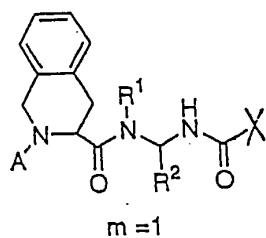
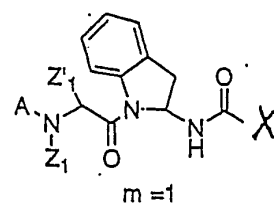
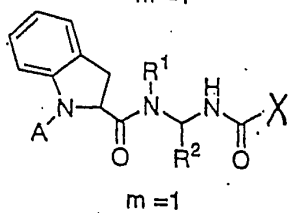
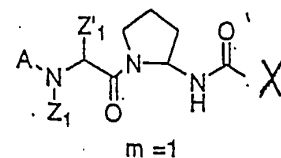
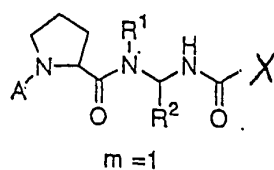
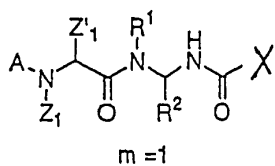
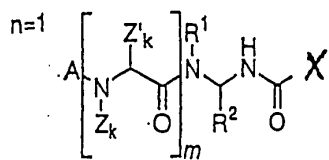
--According to another preferred embodiment of the process of the invention, step a) for transformation of the -COOH group into the -CON<sub>3</sub> group is carried out by the treatment, with hydrazine, of an activated amino acid derivative in which the amino group is protected, to obtain a hydrazide, which is then subjected to [conversion to a nitrite] a nitrosation.--

Page 24, the paragraph beginning on line 31, bridging page 25, has been replaced as follows:

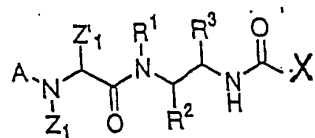
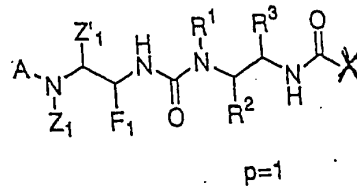
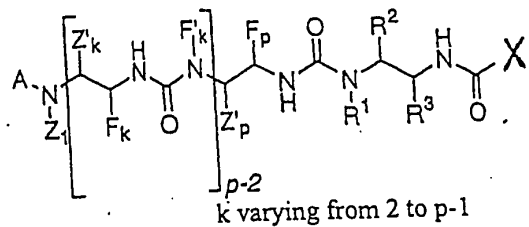
--A preferred group of compounds of formula (III bis) is constituted by those in which  $1 \leq n \leq 4$ , X is as defined above in connection with formula (III bis) and is particularly derived from p-nitrophenol, N-hydroxysuccinimide, pentafluorophenol, hydroxy-1,2,3-benzotriazole or imidazole, A is an oxycarbonyl or acyl group as defined above in connection with formula (III bis),

and particularly the compounds in which q and m are comprised from 1 to 10, and preferably equal from 1 or 2, and more particularly those in which A-Boc and Fmoc,

and in particular the compounds having the following formulas:

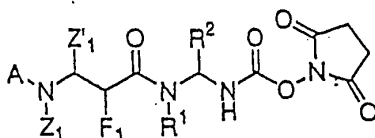
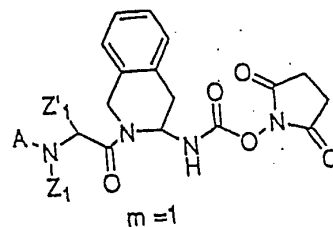
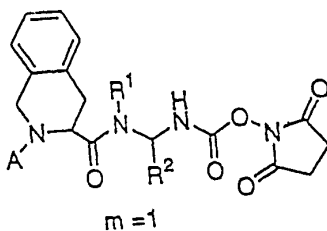
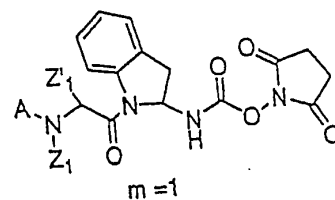
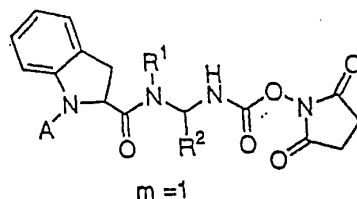
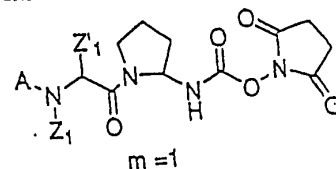
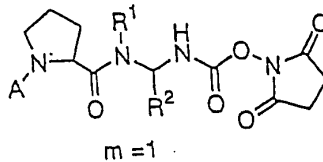
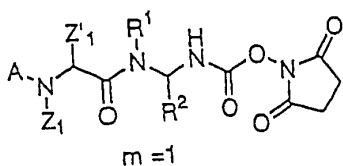
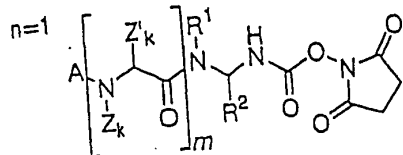


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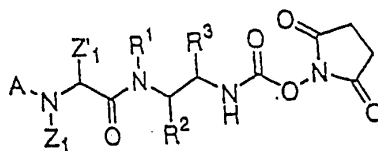
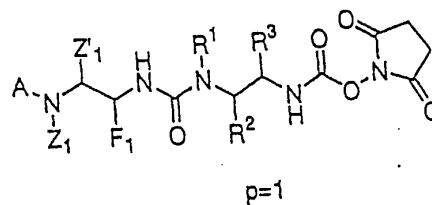
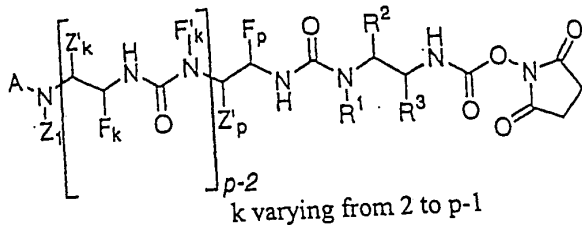


and more particularly the compounds of the following

formulas:



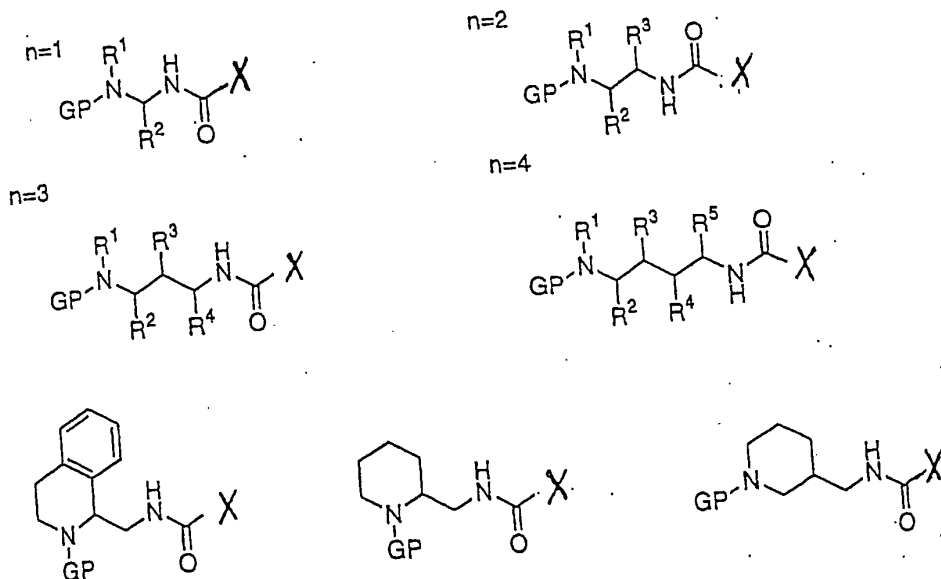
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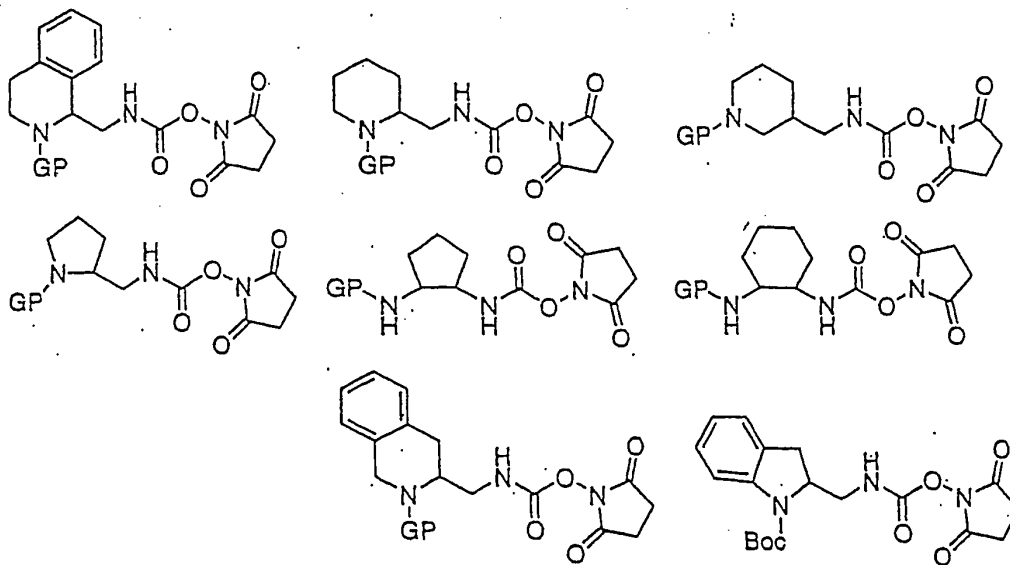
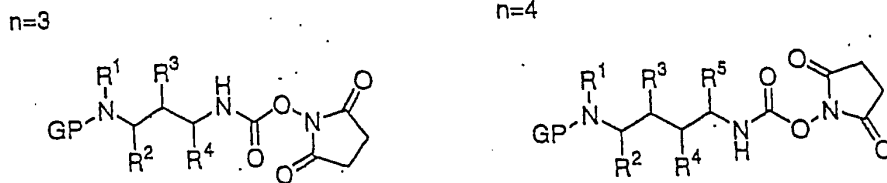
--A preferred group of compounds of formula (I bis) is constituted by those in which  $1 \leq n \leq 4$ , X is as defined above with respect to formula (III bis) and is particularly derived from p-nitrophenol, N-hydroxysuccinimide, pentafluorophenol, hydroxy-1,2,3-benzotriazole or imidazole, GP is an oxycarbonyl or acyl group as defined above in connection with formula (III bis), and particular those in which GP is preferably Boc, Fmoc,

and in particular the compounds having the following formulas:



$n=1$

$n=2$



**Claim 5** has been amended as follows:

--5. (amended) Process for preparation according to claim 1, in which step a) of the transformation of the -COOH group into a -CON<sub>3</sub> group is carried out by treatment, with hydrazine, of an activated derivative of the amino acid in which the amino group is protected to obtain a hydrazide, which is then [converted to a nitrite] subjected to a nitrosation.--

**Claim 11** has been amended as follows:

--11. (amended) Compounds according to claim 10, in which X [represents] is derived from a [the] N-hydroxysuccinimide group.--

**Claim 12** has been amended as follows:

--12. (thrice amended) Compounds according to claim 9, having the formula (Ibis) in which  $1 < n < 4$ , and X is derived from [selected from the group consisting of] p-nitrophenol, N-hydroxysuccinimide, pentafluorophenol, hydroxy-1,2,3-benzotriazole and imidazole, [and] or GP is an oxycarbonyl group or acyl group.--

**Claim 14** has been amended as follows:

--14. (amended) Compounds according to claim 13, in which X [represents the] is derived from a N-hydroxysuccinimide group.--

**Claim 27** has been amended as follows:

--27. (twice amended) Compounds according to claim 7, in which the aryl group can be substituted with 1 to 6

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substituents selected from: alkyl, alkoxy, amine, ester, urea, amide, carboxylic acid, of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, hydroxyl, nitrile, nitro, guanidine, aryl whose cyclic structure contains 5 to 20 carbon atoms, and a halogen atom.--